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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/940,635	Applicant(s) ASGHARI-KAMRANI ET AL.	
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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Arguments

1. This communication is in response to applicants' response received on April 06, 2006.
2. Claims 1 and 5 are amended.
3. Claims 6 and 7 are newly added
4. Applicant's arguments with respect to the rejections of claims 1-5 under 35 USC § 102 and 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejections have been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Berg et al [2002/0188481 A1; hereinafter Berg].

1. Regarding claim 1, Berg discloses a method for identifying an individual over a communication network (see, for example, abstract) comprising:

a User that needs to be identified in e-commerce (see, for example, [0011]);

a Central-Entity that provides digital identity to the Users to positively identify themselves in e-commerce (see, for example, [0007]; [0015]; [0017], where the JV Authority corresponds to the recited central-entity that assigns to the user an unique identifier);

an external-entity offering goods or services and needs to authenticate the users in e-commerce (see, for example, [0027]; [0032]; [0034]);

a communication network for the User, the central-entity and the external-entity to send and receive information between each other (see, for example, [0051]).

whereby the External-Entity may forward digital identity received from a User to the Central-Entity for authentication (see, for example, [0007]; [0067]-[0068]).

wherein the User does not require use of software received from the Central-Entity or a personal identity card to employ digital identity (see, for example, [0027]; [0051]; [0067]-[0068]).

2. Regarding claim 2, Berg discloses a digital identity includes SecureCode and other information such as UserName (see, for example, [0037]).

3. Regarding claim 3, Berg discloses that the SecureCode is a dynamic, non-predictable and time dependent alphanumeric code, secret code, PIN or other code (see, for example, [0040]; [0041]; [0064]).

4. Regarding claim 4, Berg discloses a communication network includes Internet, wireless and private networks (see, for example, [0010]; [0034]; [0063]).

5. Regarding claim 5, this claim is rejected as applied to the like elements of claims 1-4 as stated above and further the following:

Berg discloses a system and a method for identifying an individual (see, for example, abstract) comprising the steps:

The user registers at the Central-Entity (see, for example, [0063]);

The user provides his personal and/or financial information to the Central-Entity (see, for example, [006]; [0055]; [0063]);

The user receives his unique UserName and Password from the Central-Entity (see, for example, [0018]; [0063]);

The user attempts to get access to a restricted web site or to buy goods and/or services from an External-Entity (see, for example, [0011]; [0018]; [0051]);

The user submits his SecureCode as part of the digital identity in response to External-Entity's request (see, for example, [0007]; [0011]; [0018]; [0051]);

The External-Entity forwards the user's digital identity along with the identification and authentication request to the Central-Entity over a communication network (see, for example, [0007]; [0065]; [0067]-[0068]);

The Central-Entity retrieves the user's digital identity including the SecureCode from the system (see, for example, [0015]; [0054]-[0055]);

The Central-Entity compares the retrieved users digital identity with the digital identity received from the External-Entity (see, for example, [0011]; [0015]; [0051]; [0064]-[0065]);

The Central-Entity sends approval identification and authorization message to the External-Entity when the digital identity forwarded to the Central-Entity, matches the users digital identity retrieved from the system (see, for example, [0065]; [0067]-[0068]);

The Central-Entity sends a denial identification and authorization message to the External-Entity when the digital identity forwarded to the Central-Entity does not match the users digital identity retrieved from the system (see, for example, [0067]-[0068]).

6. Regarding claims 6 and 7, Berg discloses that the Central-Entity corresponds to a Bank or other financial institution, and the User receives the digital identity from the Bank or other financial institution (see, for example, [0006]-[0007]; [0063]).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Patent Pub. Application No. 2004/0243478 A1 to Walker et al.

US Patent Pub. Application No. 2002/0029337 A1 to Sudia et al.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdulhakim Nobahar whose telephone number is 571-272-3808. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8-6.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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